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CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER PHIL ANGELIDES

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**CALIFORNIA TREASURER ANGELIDES JOINS COLLEGE STUDENTS  
AND FACULTY TO UNVEIL RADIO AD RECORDED BY 'AMERICAN  
IDOL'S' RANDY JACKSON URGING GOVERNOR TO ABANDON  
PROPOSED HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET CUTS**

*Governor's Budget Proposal Would Hike Tuition and Fees For California College Students, Slash Enrollment, Eliminate Outreach Programs and Reduce Financial Aid*

SACRAMENTO, CA – State Treasurer Phil Angelides, California State University (CSU) faculty and CSU and University of California (UC) students on Tuesday unveiled a 30-second radio spot, recorded by 'American Idol' judge Randy Jackson, urging Governor Schwarzenegger to abandon his proposed budget cuts and enrollment reductions for the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems, as well as the proposed fee hikes for students at UC, CSU and the California Community Colleges.

The radio spot is scheduled to begin airing today in Sacramento as lawmakers and the Governor enter final negotiations on the budget for the 2004-05 fiscal year that begins July 1. The radio spot begins airing as Democratic lawmakers have vowed to reverse higher education cuts that Governor Schwarzenegger proposed in his budget.

In the radio ad, Jackson says, "Our legislators are working to save colleges from the chopping block. So now, we've got to get the Governor on board... The Governor's plans to raise tuition and cut funding will slam the door on families struggling to send their kids to college. Come on now – all kids deserve a chance to go to college. You know what I mean?" The radio spot is part of the California Faculty Association's statewide effort – "Save the CSU, No More Cuts" – to save college funding.

Joining the Treasurer at today's news conference were, among others, John Travis, President of the California Faculty Association, Jarad Sanchez, External Vice President, Associated Students, at San Diego State University, and Matt Kaczmarek, chairman of the University of California Student Association.

Earlier this month, Jackson joined the Treasurer and CSU and UC faculty and students on a daylong, statewide tour of college campuses across the state to highlight the harmful impacts that Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget, enrollment cuts and fee hikes would have on students, academic quality and California's long-term economic prosperity.

Angelides said today that the Governor's budget "is unfair because it asks students to sacrifice and it imposes damaging higher education cuts that threaten our future prosperity without even attempting to close one corporate tax loophole or restore the tax rates on the wealthiest Californians that were put in place by Governors Ronald Reagan and Pete Wilson."

And Travis, the CFA president who is also a professor of government at Humboldt State University, said, "We applaud the Legislature for working hard to preserve critical funding for our state colleges and universities. We hope the Governor now comes aboard."

The Governor's higher education budget cuts are included in a so-called "compact" that Governor Schwarzenegger recently signed with the UC President and the CSU Chancellor, an agreement that is not binding on the Legislature and has been strongly attacked by students and faculty, who were locked out of the negotiations.

The Governor's recently revised budget includes \$680 million in cuts to the UC and CSU systems. The Schwarzenegger Administration's spending plan would, among other things: increase undergraduate student fees over the next three years by more than 30 percent, and graduate fees by more than 50 percent; turn away 25,000 qualified students from enrolling at UC and CSU; cut financial aid for students; reduce UC research funding by more than \$11 million; and increase student-faculty ratios at state schools, a move that would result in larger class sizes and fewer course offerings.

The Schwarzenegger Administration also wants to eliminate state support for UC and CSU outreach programs that help prepare low-income and educationally disadvantaged students for college – after cutting the programs by 50 percent for the current year.

Treasurer Angelides has been a leading voice in the fight to protect California's first-class public university system. He was the first statewide elected official to come out against the Schwarzenegger Administration's budget for higher education – during a statewide tour of college and high school campuses in January – voicing his concerns in a debate that has serious ramifications for college students and the State's economy. Also, the Treasurer on April 14 led a delegation of visiting high school students from across the State to the Capitol to participate in a rally, meet with lawmakers and testify before a legislative committee to oppose the Governor's plan to eliminate college outreach programs.

**NOTE: The full text of the radio spot will be available on the California Faculty Association (CFA) website, at [www.calfac.org](http://www.calfac.org). In addition, any members of the news media who would like a copy of the actual radio spot should contact Alice Sunshine of the CFA at (510) 261-7304 or [asunshine@calfac.org](mailto:asunshine@calfac.org).**